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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: MUGABE'S CONCERN WITH STATEMENT BY US
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1. ZANU SECRETARY GENERAL EDGAR TEKERE CALLED AT
BRITISH EMBASSY ABOUT NOON TODAY TO EXPRESS HIS AND
MUGABE'S CONSTERNATION AT STATEMENTS ALLEGEDLY
MADE YESTERDAY BY THE "US UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE".
STATEMENT WERE REPORTED ON A RADIO BROADCAST TO
WHICH MUGABE AND TEKERE WERE LISTENING THIS MORNING.
(BRITISH DO NOT KNOW TO WHICH BROADCAST TEKER WAS
REFERRING).

2. ACCORDING TEKERE. THE "UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE"
IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE INTERNAL ZIMBABWEAN
NATIONALISTS AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WERE MOVING
CLOSER IN THEIR POSITIONS AND THAT CHANCES FOR AN ALL
PARTIES MEETING WERE LOOKING BRIGHTER.

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3. TEKERE SAID THAT HE AND MUGABE WERE UPSET BECAUSE
STATEMENTS APPEARED TO BE A BREACH OF AGREEMENT THAT
YESTERDAY'S DISCUSSION BETWEEN MUGABE TEKERE AND GRAHAM
LOW (REFTEL) WOULD BE TIGHTLY HELD ABSOLUTELY NO LEAKS.
TEKERE SAID THAT MUGAABE AND HE INTENDED TO HONOR THIS
PLEDGE. HE NOTED THAT THEY HAD NOT DISCLOSED SUBSTANCE
OF YESTERDAY'S DISCUSSION TO OTHERS IN THE SANU HEADQUARTERS

AND THAT ZANU'S INFORMATION OFFICE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED
NOT TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT WITH RESPECT YESTERDAY'S
TALKS.

4. UK EMBOFF KEITH EVETTS TOLD TEKERE THAT HE WAS
CERTAIN THERE HAD BEEN NO BREACH OF SECRECY AND THAT
COMMENTS OF THE US OFFICIAL MUST HAVE BEEN OF MORE GENERAL
CHARACTER, REFLECTING SOME OF REPORTING THAT HAS BEEN
COMING OUT OF RHODESIA THE PAST FEW WEEKS.

5. TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT MUGABE AND TEKERE ARE REASSURED.
I AM SEEKING AN URGENT MEETING TO TELL THEM THAT THERE
HAS BEEN NO BREACH OF SECURITY, NOR WILL THERE BE ANY.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE FULL TEXT OF WHAT STATEMENT
TEKERE AND MUGABE MAY BE REFERRING SHOULD MY MEETING WITH
MUGABE OR TEKERE TODAY NOT DISPEL THEIR SUSPICIONS.
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